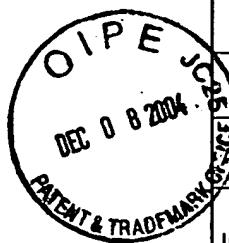


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. NUM-0158	
Application No. 10/600,702-Conf. #5741		Filing Date June 23, 2003		Examiner M. M. Ali	
Applicant(s): Kazuto Kobayashi et al.					
Invention: EXPANSION VALVE					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
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<input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.					
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<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.					
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment.					
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 Carl Schaukowitch Attorney Reg. No.: 29,211				Dated: <u>December 8, 2004</u>	
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

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**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated October 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 8 -10 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1-7 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 8-10 are added.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)